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Inventor : Daniel L. Marks  
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Filed : September 20, 1999  
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Group Art Unit : 2765  
Examiner : \_\_\_\_\_

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment set forth below.

#### I. Amendment

##### A. In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

*Fix* 1. (Once Amended) A method for using a computer system to arbitrate and

distribute communication over the Internet, the method including the steps of:

1-PC:103 2826.00 CH connecting a plurality of participant computers with a controller computer